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SUBJ: E-W NEGOTIATIONS: ATMOSPHERICS AT SIGNING CEREMONY

REF ANKARA 4127 AND 4140

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SUMMARY: ATMOSPHERE AT U.S.-TURKISH E-W SIGNING WAS CORDIAL. THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO SIGN OF THE BITTERNESS OR RESENTMENT THAT ALLEGEDLY HAD ARISEN ON TURKISH SIDE IN LAST FEW DAYS BEFORE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT E-W SIGNING CEREMONY HELD IN OFFICE OF TGS J6, LT. GENERAL MUSA OGUN, ON MAY 29, 1974 (REFTELS), FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT: ON TURKISH SIDE: LT. GENERAL OGUN, MAJ. GENERAL SELAHATTIN KHRAMAN, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT, TGS, BRIG GENERAL YAKUP BALCIK, A DEPUTY OF GENERAL KAHRAMAN, AND MUSTAFA ASULA, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON U.S. SIDE: MAJ GENERAL

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JAMES GALLOWAY AND COLONEL CHARLES WALKER, JUSMMAT,

MSA COUNSELOR BOEHM, AND INTERPRETER.

2. FOLLOWING SIGNING AND EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, REMARKS WERE MADE BY OGUN, GALLOWAY AND BOEHM.

3. IN HIS REMARKS, OGUN EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF E-W TO MODERN ARMED FORCES. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND COMPLIMENTED NEGOTIATORS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PACKAGE WAS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT AND THAT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LONG PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH NO SUPPORT RECEIVED UNDER 1962 MOU, IT STILL LEFT TURKS FAR SHORT OF WHERE THEY SHOULD BE IN E-W. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF TURKEY'S E-W CAPABILITIES. HE TOUCHED VERY LIGHTLY ON QUESTION OF SIGNING DEADLINES, WHICH HE SAID MIGHT, THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDING, HAVE CAUSED TURKS TO THINK THEY WERE BEING PUT UNDER UNFAIR PRESSURE.

4. GENERAL GALLOWAY STRESSED THAT SETTLEMENT WAS RESULT OF COOPERATIVE U.S.-TURKISH EFFORT, AND NOTED THAT E-W PACKAGE ITSELF WAS FUNDAMENTALLY TURKISH RATHER THAN U.S. DESIGNED PACKAGE.

5. BOEHM SAID THAT SETTLEMENT WAS ONE WITH WHICH ALL PARTIES COULD BE WELL SATISFIED. IT PROVIDED TURKISH ARMED FORCES WITH SIGNIFICANT E-W CAPABILITY. AS TO DEADLINES, HE STRESSED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INTENTION ON U.S. SIDE TO PUT NEGOTIATING PRESSURE ON TURKEY. U.S. SIDE HAD BEEN AWARE THAT, AS RESULT OF STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS, THERE WAS REAL DANGER THAT FUNDS TO PROVIDE E-W PACKAGE MIGHT BE LOST. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WRONG NOT TO CALL THIS TO TURKEY'S ATTENTION.

6. BOEHM ALSO EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT FINAL LANGUAGE OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS MADE CLEAR INTENT OF U.S. AND TURKEY TO COOPERATE IN FUTURE ON E-W.

7. THROUGHOUT MEETING, ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL. TURKS APPEARED PLEASED WITH OUTCOME.

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